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The reply filed on 10/16/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): All previously examined invention has been canceled and new claims 15-34 are directed to a distinct invention from the invention previously examined. Cancellation of previously claimed and examined invention and presenting only claims drawn to a distinct, non-elected and non-examined invention is non-responsive. MPEP 821.03.

The remaining claims are distinct from the previously elected and examined invention because of the following reasons.

First, the new claims utilize only the electrochemically activated anion containing aqueous solution, whereas the previously examined invention utilized a solution that "includes and both of" an aqueous mixed oxidant and aqueous mixed anti-oxidant, which were made by first separating into predominantly cation containing solution and predominantly anion containing solution and altering the chemical composition by various means. At the very least, the previously examined invention administered both the cation containing solution and the predominantly anion containing solution into the drinking water of a live animal to be treated.

Second, the new claims are directed to "preventing a live animal from becoming diseased," whereas the previously examined invention was directed to "treating live animals." Prevention is distinct from treating. For example, preventing hepatitis (vaccine) is distinct from treating it (e.g. antiviral drug).

Third, both of the new independent claims 15 and 25 do not require the introduction of the active agent into the drinking water of the animals, whereas that was a critical method step in the previously presented, elected and examined invention.

Therefore, the invention presented as new claims 15-34 is distinct over the previously presented (now-canceled), elected and examined invention.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to JOHN PAK whose telephone number is (571)272-0620. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's SPE, Johann Richter, can be reached on (571)272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571)272-1600.